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Senate

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JACKY ROSEN, a Senator from the State of Nevada.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, author of liberty, on this Holocaust Remembrance Day, inspire us to cultivate the eternal vigilance that pays the price for freedom.

Lord, use our lawmakers to ensure that the challenge "never again" is transformed from mere words into creative actions. Remind us of the words of Elie Wiesel, who said:

To forget the victims means to kill them a second time.

O, God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

And, Lord, we thank You for the life and impact of former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 27, 2022.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable JACKY ROSEN, a Senator from the State of Nevada, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Ms. ROSEN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Sherilyn Peace Garnett, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from South Dakota.

(The remarks of Mr. THUNE pertaining to the introduction of S. 4094 are printed in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. THUNE. I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER
The majority leader is recognized.

REMEMBERING MADELEINE K. ALBRIGHT

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, earlier today, leaders past and present from around the world joined together to celebrate the life of Madeleine Albright. While Secretary Albright may have been small in stature, she was a titan in American history; she was one of a kind and first of a kind; a mentor; a natural leader as well as a mother and grandmother. Her brilliance and sharp wit made her a formidable presence on the world stage, and her story inspired women and girls all across the globe.

Today was a wonderful celebration of her life. My thoughts are with Secretary Albright's family as our Nation remembers her life and her great legacy.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Now, Madam President, on the FTC, as we have done all along this year, Democrats are continuing to focus on lowering prices for the American people. Yesterday, I met with Speaker PELOSI to discuss how both Chambers can work together to address the terrible burden of rising gas prices.

It is one of the most vexing issues for the American people. The disturbances from the pandemic and the war in Ukraine have caused gas prices to spike, and working Americans are hurting. But do you know who is not hurting? The largest oil and gas companies, which reported over \$205 billion in profits in 2021 even while Americans pay more at the pump. Solving this issue is a top priority for Democrats—a top priority. Unfortunately, the other side seems content with bemoaning rising costs day after day, without expressing any interest in actually offering solutions to the problem.

Senate Democrats are actually working to solve the problem, and we will

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